GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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RENEGOTIATION ON AVIATION AGREEMENTS WITH THREE NATIONS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have renegotiated its bilateral aviation with Austria, Uzbekistan and Romania;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian delegation met the officials of the aeronautical authorities of Austria at Vienna on January 26 and 27, 2000; and

(d) if so, the agreements signed with the three nations along with the salient features of the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c) and (d) : Bilateral discussions on air service matters were held with Governments of Uzbekistan, Romania and Austria on 20-21st January, 26th January and 26-27th January, 2000 respectively. The designated airline of Uzbekistan has been permitted to utilise the unutilised entitlement of Indian carriers upto 850 seats per week for operation to Delhi under a commercial arrangement with Indian Airlines. They have also been allowed to operate services to two new stations namely Amritsar and Trivandrum. Reciprocally, Samarkand and Bukhara have been given as additional points of call to the designated Indian carrier. The operations to these stations will not exceed 420 seats per week initially . Reciprocally, the Indian carriers would also be entitled to operate an equal number of seats to any designated point of call in Uzbekistan. The agreement with Romania provides for a reduction in the royalty payable for unilateral operations and permits the designated airline of Romania to operate to Delhi on stand-alone basis or in combination with Calcutta, as per its choice. The agreement with Austria provides for enhancing the air traffic rights for both sides from 690 seats per week to 5 services per week with 265 seater aircraft by Winter 2000-2001.